

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

1. (Currently Amended): A mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii*, in which adhesin MIC1 and adhesin MIC3 are inactivated by ~~a mutation~~ deletion of each of MIC1 and MIC3 genes.
- 2-3. (Canceled)
4. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended): A method of using the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1 ~~vaccination against an infection by *Toxoplasma gondii*~~, comprising administering to an animal the mutant strain of ~~*Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1~~ as a vaccination of said animal against an infection by *Toxoplasma gondii*.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Previously Presented): A vaccine comprising the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.
7. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended): A method of use according to claim 4, for protecting an the animal against the formation of brain cysts during *Toxoplasma gondii* infection, ~~comprising administering to an animal the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.~~
8. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended): A method of use according to claim 4, for reducing abortions caused by *Toxoplasma gondii* in said animal, ~~comprising administering to an animal the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.~~
9. (Withdrawn): A composition comprising the mutant strain of *Toxoplasma gondii* as claimed in claim 1.